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'Best father you could ever imagine'

CHILDREN In a memorial to Michael Jackson yesterday that featured superstars Mariah Carey and Stevie Wonder, the moment that may be best remembered came when his 11-year-old daughter Paris spoke a few heart-wrenching words.

Paris was quietly ushered onstage with her brothers as the nearly two-hour event wound down to the strains of Jackson's charity single We Are the World, then appeared to catch even members of her family off guard by addressing the hushed crowd at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

"I just want to say, ever since I was born, daddy has been the best father you could ever imagine, and I just wanted to say I love him so much," Paris said, sobbing.

To gasps from the throng of about 18,000 people, she then turned and buried her face in Janet Jackson's arms.

REUTERS



Paris-Michael Jackson, left, looks to the sky before taking to the microphone and giving an impassioned remembrance of her father Michael Jackson at his memorial yesterday. Mariah Carey, right, gave the opening performance at the ceremony with a sweet rendition of the Jackson 5's ballad I'll Be There.



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Mourning Michael

Millions tune in to watch final farewell for legendary King of Pop

Mariah Carey, Stevie Wonder and Usher sang emotional farewells yesterday to Michael Jackson, who was hailed as "the greatest entertainer that ever lived."

Some 18,000 fans, family members and friends took part in a public memorial for Jackson in the Los Angeles sports arena where the singer had rehearsed

the day before his death for a highly anticipated series of comeback concerts.

Jackson's brothers, each wearing a single sequined glove in homage to his signature look, carried the singer's golden casket into the downtown Staples Center. The two-hour memorial focused on Jackson's musical achievements, overshadowed in

the last 10 years by the darker side of the singer's life, including his humiliating 2005 trial and acquittal on charges of child sex abuse.

Civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton, who has lashed out at media coverage of the bizarre aspects of Jackson's life, had a message for the singer's three children — Prince Michael, 12,

Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7.

"Wasn't nothing strange about your daddy. It was strange what your daddy had to deal with," he said, to cheers.

Police estimated more than 250,000 people descended on the area while TV and online executives pegged the audience as "in the millions."

REUTERS



"Michael taught us to stand with each other."

Brooke Shields



"He was driven by his hunger to ... constantly top himself."

Rev. Al Sharpton



"Michael was the biggest star on Earth."

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City police said yesterday they have charged an Ottawa man following an armed robbery of a Gladstone Avenue pharmacy Sunday. David Currie, 41, next appears in court Friday. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Cops look into tractor-trailer rollover

Ottawa Ontario Provincial Police are investigating following a rollover collision involving a tractor-trailer and a Dodge minivan on the Queensway at Metcalfe Street on Monday night. Police said a van with five occupants collided with a tractor-trailer hauling scrap metal, sending one minivan passenger to hospital. The tractor-trailer rolled over, blocking all eastbound lanes until late yesterday morning. **METRO OTTAWA**

Bluesfest draws stars

Music festival one of biggest in North America

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The stages are up. The performers are ready to go.

Before Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest kicks off today, organizers finished up a few last-minute details yesterday — rearranging things here, tweaking sound systems and lighting there.

In fact, the only thing Bluesfest executive director Mark Monahan doesn't have control of, he said, is the weather.

"We're hoping for the best. It's never fun to have bad weather, but we've been lucky over the years. We always have such strong advance sales that the park is busy whether it rains or not," Monahan said in light of the rain over the past week.

But over the past 16

years, Bluesfest in Ottawa has grown to become an event that people anticipate — and wouldn't miss, rain or shine.

More than 300,000 people are expected to attend the shows — held on seven stages at LeBreton Flats and in multiple venues in the ByWard Market for the first time — making it one of the biggest music festivals in North America.

With big-name acts every night, it's easy to see why.

Tonight, Jeff Beck — "who is rarely in North America," Monahan said — opens the festival on the Bank of America stage.

"That's a real coup for the festival and I think a lot of people will come out," he said.

Another act Monahan's looking forward to is the Brian Setzer Orchestra, performing this Saturday.

"I don't think he's been in Canada the last 10 years," Monahan said. "He's the one that started the whole big band blues thing. He's one of the best guitarists around."

On June 15, Kiss takes the Bank of America stage. "It's a huge act that we've never had before and it's attracting a lot of attention," he said.

New this year is the Bluesfest in the Market series, which offers acts including Matt Mays and Wintersleep at both ticketed and free shows.

The festival, which had an estimated economic impact from \$50-60 million last year, is "a huge contributor to quality of life in Ottawa," said Monahan.

But money aside, the festival has a huge impact. "It enriches the whole cultural fabric of the city," he said.



Under the direction of executive director Mark Monahan, Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest, which starts at LeBreton Flats today, has grown to become one of the largest music festivals in North America.

Local housing market stays strong

SunnySide

REAL ESTATE First-time homebuyers in Ottawa continue to jump into the housing market, thanks to increasingly optimistic financial forecasts and a relatively resilient local economy, an Ottawa broker owner with Royal LePage Performance Realty said.

"Ottawa ranks number 2 (after Montreal) among Canada's large cities for affordable real estate," said Pierre de Varennes.

"Coupled with low lending rates, we saw all types of buyers in the market."

Released yesterday, a Royal LePage Housing Price Survey and Market Survey Forecast said Ottawa remains a steady market for residential real estate, with year-over-year house price increases expected to rise 2.6 per cent in 2009.

Historically, Ottawa has had a stable housing market, said de Varennes.

"In the past 55 years, the market has witnessed only five years of price degradation, making Ottawa an extraordinary place to invest."

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

PRIEST Ottawa police have charged a 63-year-old Ottawa priest after a child pornography investigation. The man was arrested yesterday and charges of possession of child pornography were laid. James A. Jordan appeared in court yesterday and was released with conditions.

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What's online today.

Video Canadians at home, abroad say goodbye to Michael Jackson, at metronews.ca/entertainment

Video Ramp ceremony farewell for soldiers killed in helicopter crash in Afghanistan at metronews.ca/canada

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These results are not official.

O'Brien trial verdict expected in August

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LAW A verdict in Mayor Larry O'Brien's influence peddling trial is expected on Aug. 12.

After hearing closing arguments from Crown attorney Scott Hutchison and O'Brien's defence lawyer Michael Edelson, Justice Douglas J. Cunningham thanked both counsels for providing him with so much to think about.

"Needless to say, I am going to reserve (judgment) on this. The question is for

how long," he said. "I want to get this done as quickly as I can, but on the other hand, I want to give it a great deal of thought and consideration."

Cunningham said he will be sitting in other cases during the next two weeks and he will be out of the province at the end of July and out of the country for 10 days in August, which means a decision would not be rendered for over a month.

It is even possible that Cunningham could require more time to deliver his decision after that date,

Hutchison said outside the courtroom.

Over the next five weeks, Cunningham will be left to ponder whether the objective evidence supports the testimony given by Terry Kilrea during his near-week in the witness box or the videotaped statement O'Brien made to OPP investigators.

O'Brien is facing two charges stemming from allegations that he offered to help get Kilrea an appointment with the National Parole Board in exchange for Kilrea withdrawing from the 2006 mayoral election.

If Cunningham accepts O'Brien's version of the story, then Kilrea is a "disingenuous," "circuitous," "devious," "vindictive," "mean-spirited," and "hypocritical" failed politician, as Edelson argued, who misinterpreted and exaggerated a simple inquiry about his plans after the election, then pulled the strings behind the scenes to ensure O'Brien was charged.

There are no plans for the mayor to go back to city hall prior to the judge's decision, O'Brien's media adviser, Barry McLoughlin, said yesterday.



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Housing market bouncing back: Royal LePage

Canada's housing market has bounced back sufficiently from an "awful winter" for prices and unit sales to stabilize by the end of the year, Royal LePage said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Canada

Warming to a target

Canada to agree to ambitious climate change goal

Canada is set to agree to a tough global warming target of no more than two degrees Celsius at a gathering of world economic leaders in Italy that gets underway today, an official said.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrived last night and travelled to the quake-shattered city of L'Aquila, where the summit of the Group of Eight industrialized countries will be held.

Hours before landing in Rome, a senior Harper official signalled a different approach to climate change — one that environmental

Pope's view

• Pope Benedict XVI is calling on world leaders to bring in economic rules to temper the excesses of the past.

activists and European governments had hoped for.

Press secretary Dimitri Soudas suggested Canada would not oppose a declaration that global warming should not be allowed to exceed two degrees from pre-industrial temperature averages.

It's a limit that the Euro-

pean Union, the U.K. and some developing countries have argued is critical to curbing widespread environmental damage.

Agreement on a limit to global temperature rises is believed to require tougher short and mid-term actions by countries such as Canada to cut back on their greenhouse gases.

The Conservative government, though it endorses the fight against global warming, has postponed tough regulations on large industrial "greenhouse gas" emitters.

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Florida Countdown to liftoff



SCOTT AUDETTE/REUTERS

Canadian Space Agency astronaut Julie Payette arrives at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., yesterday. The space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to launch July 11 on a mission to the International Space Station.

News in brief

MEMORIAL Hundreds of soldiers assembled at Kandahar Airfield yesterday to bid farewell to two Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan, CBC News Online reports. Troops solemnly saluted the caskets bearing the bodies of Master Cpl. Patrice Audet, 38, and Cpl. Martin Joannette, 25.

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POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative party has regained a slight lead in popular support over the opposition Liberals and appears set to gain momentum over the summer, a poll released yesterday showed. The Strategic Counsel survey, published in the Globe and Mail, put the Conservatives ahead of the Liberals for the first time since April. The poll showed the Conservatives with 34 per cent support and the Liberals with 33 per cent.

REUTERS

Pride Week federal funding faces Conservative backlash

FUNDING Toronto's gay pride week may have seen its last cheque from Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government, after this year's \$400,000 contribution provoked a backlash from within the ranks of MPs and Conservative supporters.

And Tourism and Small Business Minister Diane Ablonczy appears to have been disciplined, losing her power to make announcements of handouts from the \$190-million Mar-

Dispute resolved

• The Canadian Olympic Committee has dropped its opposition to a trademark application by Interactive Male, a gay men's chat line, over a logo the COC claimed resembled Olympic symbols from the 1970s.

quee Tourism Events Program, which funded the event.

Brad Trost, a Saskatchewan Conserva-

tive MP, spoke out publicly this week against federal support for Pride Week, arguing that the government caucus and Harper's own office was caught off guard by Ablonczy's announcement of support.

"The pro-life and the pro-family community should know and understand that the tourism funding money that went to the gay pride parade in Toronto was not government policy," he said.

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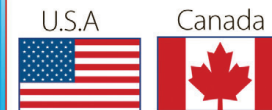
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She spits for a cause

Project may help beat childhood ailments

Georgia Morfino is working hard to produce some spit.

Her lips are pursed. Her brow is furrowed. Her cheeks are moving in and out.

Then the nine-year-old lets loose.

Her spit falls neatly into a plastic tube, which soon — after 10 more additions from Georgia — will be filled.

The tube of saliva is part the Spit for Science project, hosted by the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto and run by researchers from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

The team aims to collect spit samples and behavioural data from 10,000 children between seven and 17 in the hope of identifying genes important in attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder, two of the most common childhood disorders.

Project leader Dr. Russell Schachar, psychiatrist and senior scientist at Sick



Nine-year-old Georgia Morfino struggles to spit, a learning experience for kids at the Ontario Science Centre, where psychiatrist Russell Schachar is asking kids to spit into test tubes for science.

Kids, says the spit project may lead to new therapies and may help researchers figure out why some people develop the disorders

while others don't.

The project will run daily at the Science Centre until Labour Day.

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Abdelrazik hints Ottawa must pay

EXILE The Canadian man trapped in Sudan for six years has put Ottawa on notice.

While his lawyers aren't ruling out a lawsuit, Aboousfian Abdelrazik, 47, said in Montreal yesterday someone has to pay.

"I want those people who played a role in this matter to face justice," he said.

He added: "I want this not to happen to any Canadian citizen anymore."

The government had refused to give him travel documents. His repatriation came only after a judge ordered Canada to let him return.

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News in brief

POWER The worldwide recession has made it easier for Ontario to shelve plans for costly new nuclear reactors, admits Premier Dalton McGuinty. His government has already said it's too expensive to go ahead with the \$20 billion expansion of the Darlington nuclear station.

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Bodies seen off coast of Tanzania: Authorities

Tanzanian authorities have spotted some 13 bodies believed to be from a Yemeni airliner that crashed into the sea off the Indian Ocean archipelago of Comoros last week, an official said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Oil demand rising as economy improves

The U.S. Energy Information Administration yesterday once again raised its world oil demand forecast for this year as the global economy gradually improves. In its monthly energy outlook, the EIA increased its 2009 global oil demand projection to 83.85 million barrels per day, up 170,000 from its June estimate of 83.68 million. World oil demand this year is still well below 2008 levels of 85.41 million barrels per day. **REUTERS**

World



If only Uighurs were Buddhist

Pity the Uighurs — the wrong kind of minority fighting the wrong kind of enemy.

In China's worst ethnic unrest in years, Uighurs took to the streets of Urumqi, capital of the western province of Xinjiang, on Sunday. They are believed to have been angered by government handling of a June clash between Han Chinese and Uighur factory workers in southern China, where two Uighurs died, news agencies reported.

The Chinese government quickly blamed exiled separatists, arrested dozens and tried to curb information flow by stifling the Internet. Yesterday, Han Chinese armed with iron bars and machetes went looking for revenge on Uighurs.

But as Reuters pointed out, the underlying cause of the unrest most likely was long-standing economic, cultural and religious grievances that have built up among the Uighurs over decades of tight central rule.

If only the Uighurs were Buddhists like the Tibetans, who just 18 months ago had their own uprising in Tibet's capital Lhasa.

We'd be having Free Xinjiang concerts already courtesy of Bjork, Sting, Bono and all those other one-named saviours of the world's poor and oppressed.

If only the Uighurs were a minority in a country that didn't produce half the goods we use and which wasn't quickly threatening to turn into a superpower. Perhaps then the U.S. State



Mona Eltahawy
Global View

Department would issue more threatening words of its own. Instead, they're Muslim and us Muslims don't get much love these days. And just as importantly, the Uighurs are facing off with the wrong kind of enemy. If the "West" ignores Uighurs because they're not as cuddly as the Tibetans or their leader the Dalai Lama, then where are the Uighurs' fellow Muslims? Uighurs are a Turkic people who are largely Muslim.

Many Muslims pay attention only when the U.S. and Israel are doing the oppressing. China is the wrong kind of enemy. Look at Darfur, where the suffering goes ignored because its victims are black and because those who are creating the misery in Darfur are not Americans or Israelis. We only pay attention when America and Israel behave badly.

Speaking of Darfur, China is one of Sudan's biggest trade and arms partners. Sudanese President Omar Bashir, who last year wanted to try a British teacher for insulting Muslims by naming a class teddy bear "Mohammed," won't be rushing to condemn Chinese oppression of Uighurs.

So perhaps Israel can save the day and invade Xinjiang.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

Ethnic unrest continues

Mobs rampage through Chinese city as crisis enters fourth day

Han Chinese armed with iron bars and machetes roamed Urumqi city yesterday seeking revenge on Uighurs for bloody ethnic clashes two days earlier which killed 156 and wounded more than 1,000.

Outnumbered riot police used tear gas to try to disperse thousands of angry protesters who flooded the capital of the northwestern region of Xinjiang.

In a sign of government anxiety about the unrest, the city's Communist Party boss Li Zhi took to the streets to plead with protesters to return home, and overnight traffic restrictions, originally announced as a curfew, took effect to halt the violence.

Security forces intervened to stop fighting, breaking up a battle between hundreds of rock-throwing Han and Uighurs and forcing a Han mob to leave a building in a



A protestor takes part at a demonstration in Germany yesterday against the deadly riot in China's Xinjiang region.

Uighur area, a Reuters reporter said. There were no reports of deaths.

Riot police stood warily by as crowds vented their anger by throwing rocks at a mosque and smashing restaurants and shops owned by Uighurs, a Turkic

people who are largely Muslim and share linguistic and cultural bonds with Central Asia.

"They attacked us. Now it's our turn to attack them," a Han man in the crowd told Reuters. He refused to give his name.

Home early

Chinese President Hu Jintao abandoned plans to attend a G8 summit in Italy today, returning home with the ethnic violence in Xinjiang. The official state-run Xinhua news agency said Hu had left for China "due to the situation."

The crowd were carrying an improvised arsenal of meat cleavers, metal rods, spades, rocks and wooden clubs. The most extreme shouted "kill them" and "exterminate the Uighurs."

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed deep concern.

"We're calling on all sides to exercise restraint. We know there's a long history of tension and discontent but the most immediate matter is to bring the violence to a conclusion," she said. **REUTERS**

Tepid response to Obama

RUSSIA U.S. President Barack Obama appealed to the Russian people yesterday to join the United States in overcoming past differences and building a prosperous democratic future free of corruption and the threat of nuclear war. Obama was careful in his speech, billed by the White House as a ma-

jor setpiece, to avoid direct criticism of the Kremlin.

"People everywhere should have the right to do business or get an education without paying a bribe," Obama said in his speech to students, making an oblique reference to Russia's ingrained culture of corruption. The students, many skeptical of the United States after the chaos wrought by "Wild East" capitalism in the post-Soviet period, listened politely to Obama in a hall near the Kremlin used mainly for official events but showed little enthusiasm. **REUTERS**

"People ... should have the right to do business or get an education without paying a bribe."

Barack Obama

News in brief

G8 The United States wants the G8 summit this week to commit \$15 billion US over several years for agricultural development in poor countries to fight food insecurity.

HONDURAS The U.S. threw its weight behind an effort to negotiate an end to the political crisis in Honduras yesterday, urging ousted President Manuel Zelaya to negotiate. **REUTERS**

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Noriega tries to block extradition to France

Jailed ex-Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega wants the U.S. to block his extradition to France to face more charges. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Israel assails Europe over settlements

Ministry rejects claim European taxpayers paying

Israel protested yesterday against a European Commission statement on Jewish settlements.

Europe said Jewish settlements in occupied territory are paralyzing the Palestinian economy at European taxpayer expense.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said it summoned the European Union's ambassador to Israel, Ramiro Cibrián Uzal, and told him Israel "strongly rejects" the commission statement.

The controversy underscores a rift between Israel and Western leaders, led by the U.S. president.

Barack Obama and Western leaders have pressed

How Europe helps the Palestinians

- The European Union is a leading donor to the Palestinian government.
- The government is headed by President Mahmoud Abbas

and based in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

- This year's aid totals some 202 million euros, European officials say.

for a halt to settlement building in the occupied West Bank.

Europe's chargé d'affaires in Jerusalem, Roy Dickinson, said it's Europe's view that settler enclaves Israel has built on West Bank land Palestinians want for a state are illegal.

The settlements and

Israeli military measures "contribute to strangling the Palestinian economy" making Palestinians more dependent on donor aid.

"And it is European taxpayers who pay most of the price of that dependence," the European statement added.

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World's 'freest' vote elected me: Ahmadinejad

POLITICS Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says Iran's disputed election was the world's "freest" vote.

"The presidential elec-

tion was the freest election around the globe ... The new government is entering a new era, internationally and domestically," Ahmadinejad said in his first

speech since the official confirmation of his re-election in the June 12 vote.

"The election was a new start for the Islamic Republic."

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Dumping on Toronto

Strike means trash piling up in 'centre of the universe'

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If there's one thing that unites all Canadians, even *les citoyens* of the Nation of Quebec, it's our sea-to-shining-sea disdain for our largest city, Toronto.

I should make it clear this bad attitude is a defence against Toronto's tendency to fancy itself as the centre of the known universe (CKU), its boundaries Cottage Country to the north, Mississauga to the west, Scarborough to the east and New York to the south.

Oh, and there's an Ottawa bureau. There was a time I thought Toronto was merely misunderstood, but that was until I lived and worked in the CKU for our

"national" broadcaster, which had a bad case of Toronto-itis, no matter how it pretended to behave otherwise.

I soon learned all the important news came from Toronto, while the rest of the country was a vast and chilly hinterland, good for soft features about cute animals and farmers, out standing in their fields, suffering.

Of course, Toronto's myopia infuriates the rest of us 30 million Canadians, so we make remorseless fun of its endless pretensions, especially its hockey team, which has been wilting on the tree since 1967, the last time the Leafs won the Stanley Cup and the last time there were six teams in the NHL.

This fact alone is

usually enough to haunt the nightmares of Torontonians, but now they have a real nightmare to contend with. We're talking trash, Toronto trash in particular, thanks to a civic workers' strike that's gone on for two weeks and continues with no end in sight.

Garbage is being temporarily dumped at various locations around town, including Christie Pits, which is Toronto's idea of a park. Anyone from out of town might not be able to tell the difference, but believe me, Torontonians can and the trash is driving them nuts.

Of course, that's all they can talk about; forget the rest of us and our cute animals.

If you've ever spent a summer in Toronto, you'll never forget that toxic soup of heat, humidity and the aroma of millions of bags of trash piled up on the curb on pickup day, seeping sludge. Now it's like that 24/7. Only worse. You can smell it all the way to Vancouver, past the noses of the suffering farmers, as if they didn't have enough to worry about.

Canada's self-proclaimed "national" paper, the *Globe and Mail*, likes to call Vancouver's Downtown Eastside Canada's Slum, based on some patronizing notion. We should return the favour and adopt Toronto and its trash for the duration of the strike so our greatest city does not feel abandoned in its hour of need.

Tonight on the National with Peter Mansbridge: Toronto: Canada's Dump.

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Letters

Michael Jackson was human, with his own faults

Michael Jackson is a tragic loss to the music world and humanity. I applaud this man for his musical genius. I thank him for the many years of pleasure his music has and will continue to give me.

There are those who mock him. Instead of mocking him, I ask that you ask yourselves why this man disfigured his face and acted in other unconventional/strange ways. Not long after Jackson died, his father shamelessly plugged his own record label during a CNN interview about his dead son. Can you imagine how many other vultures were

surrounding Jackson during his life?

Yes, ultimately, Jackson was responsible for his own actions. He was human, with faults.

Yes, it was foolish to proclaim to the world that he played with/tucked young boys into his bed. Yes, this is inappropriate behaviour for a man.

Like the jurors who acquitted him, I choose to believe Jackson was innocent. I like to believe there is good, that there is still innocence in this world, and it's not just limited to children and animals.

I hope the angels will protect him and he will finally rest in peace.

IRENA MISTAUTAS,
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Word on the street: In these tough economic times, should unions be making more concessions?

Devin Cassidy

age 29, Ottawa

A: Absolutely, yes. I think part of the reason the auto industry is doing so poorly is because unions didn't make concessions ... Unions are counter-beneficial to the economy.

Lucie Desjardins

age 35, Ottawa

A: Yes. I work for a company where we haven't had a pay raise in years and benefits are not getting better — they're actually removing a lot of them.

Don Neville

age 45, Ottawa

A: I think it really depends on the nature of the concession and the dynamics that are around the issues.

Trisha De Coeur

age 33, Toronto

A: You've got to appreciate what they're standing for and what they're protecting.

Ian Campbell

age 57, Edmonton

A: Yes. It has to be 50/50. Both the company and the employees need to co-operate or else the companies could get someone else to work.

Vicki McCann

age n/a, Vancouver

A: That's very case specific. You'd have to take each individual case into account and apply common sense.



Quote of the Day

"Michael, when you left us, a part of me went with you ... I will treasure the good times, singing, dancing, laughing ... We will never understand what he endured ... being judged, ridiculed. How much pain can one take? Maybe, now, Michael, they will leave you alone."

— BROTHER MARLON JACKSON AT MICHAEL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE
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ING Direct has launched a new service called Fee Tweeter, available at <http://FeeTweeter.fairfees.ca> or through the Twitter stream at twitter.com/FeeTweeter that allows Canadians fed up with banking fees to tweet about their gripes and keep track of how much they are actually spending. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Bankruptcies spike by 31% over May 2008

Bankruptcies in Canada continued to soar in May versus year-earlier levels as consumers succumbed to debt loads and job losses, but the tally improved modestly from April.

Results released yesterday by the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada showed a total of 10,364 bankruptcies registered in May, up 31 per cent from May of last year. Last month's total fell nearly 10 per cent below April's

11,465 bankruptcies. Industry experts were doubtful that May marked a turning point in a string of soaring bankruptcies in recent months. "I'm not confident that it's the light at the end of the tunnel," said Andy Fisher, a bankruptcy trustee with A. Farber & Partners. "June was probably the busiest month we've ever had," catering to Canadians being chased by creditors, he said.

"There's so much more credit available to people than there was a generation ago," Fisher said. Amid widespread job losses and reduced incomes "struggling people see credit as a way to get by," he said. "Attitudes have changed. It's

not a stigma to have credit." But many who have embraced credit clearly can't keep up. The May figures include 9,900 consumer bankruptcies, up about 34 per cent from a year earlier.

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Purchasing and building plans spike in May, June

INDEX Canadian purchasing activity and building intentions leapt back to life in June and May, respectively, soaring past expectations and suggesting the pace of economic contraction is slowing.

However, bankruptcies by companies and individuals

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- A separate report by Statistics Canada pointed to a possible increase in housing starts in coming months.
- The value of permits obtained by builders jumped 14.8 per cent in May from April. Analysts had forecast an increase of 0.7 per cent.

jumped 31 per cent in May from a year earlier, though they were down nearly 10 per cent from the previous month.

The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index rose to 58.2 in June from 48.4, while markets expected a rise to just 50.3.

A reading of 50.0

shows activity stayed flat from the previous month, while a higher reading means an increase and a lower reading reflects a slowing.

June and April have been the only months since last November in which the index was above 50.

Millan Mulraine, economics strategist at TD Securities emphasized that on a seasonally adjusted basis, the Ivey index remained below the 50 threshold.

"It suggests the Canadian economy is continuing to contract, even though at a diminishing pace," he said.

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Business in brief

QANTAS Australia's Qantas Airways Ltd. has pleaded guilty to participating in a price-fixing conspiracy on air cargo export-

ed on certain routes from Canada between May 2002 and February 2006, Canada's Competition Bureau said Tuesday. Qantas is the fourth carrier to be convicted in the probe.

WIRELESS U.S. antitrust regulators have approved a Nokia Siemens bid for a portion of Canada's bankrupt Nortel Networks Inc. Nokia Siemens Net-

works — a joint venture of Nokia and Siemens — is offering \$650 million for Nortel's CDMA and LTE wireless technology businesses.

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Costlier meat in store for N. Americans amid culls

FARMING Higher meat prices may be in store for consumers next year as hard-hit North American farmers thin herds of cattle and pigs.

High feed costs and slumping pork exports due to fears over influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, are dogging livestock producers, with Canadian farmers reeling from narrowed U.S. access for live animals because of country of origin labelling and severe drought.

"Consumers are going to pay more for meat — they have to," said Steve Meyer president of Iowa-based Paragon Economics, who sees herd downsizing lifting meat prices in late 2010. "There are going to be record-high prices in the U.S. for all species by then. Everyone has to cover these higher costs."

Canada's hog herd was down 8.58 per cent by the first quarter of 2009 compared with a year ago, with a total of 11.9 million pigs.

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Delinquencies at all-time high in U.S.

CREDIT Soaring U.S. unemployment drove delinquencies on credit card debt and home equity loans to all-time highs in the first quarter as a record number of consumers fell behind on their bills.

Delinquencies on the value of all card debt soared to a record 6.60 per cent from 5.52 per cent in the fourth quarter, the American Bankers Association said. Late payments on home equity loans rose to 3.52 per cent from 3.03 per cent, and on home equity lines of credit climbed to 1.89 per cent from 1.46 per cent.

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La Russa drops Twitter suit

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa has quietly dropped his lawsuit against the social networking site Twitter Inc. A one-paragraph statement filed June 26 with the U.S. District Court in San Francisco says La Russa had dropped all claims — and that Twitter did not compensate him in exchange. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Sakic ready to retire: Report

After 20 NHL seasons, Colorado Avalanche forward Joe Sakic, left, is reportedly ready to hang up his skates. The team has scheduled a press conference tomorrow at which he is expected to make his announcement. Sakic played his entire career for the franchise and won two Stanley Cups there. In 1,378 games, Sakic posted 625 goals and 1,016 assists for a total of 1,641 points, good for eighth on the NHL's all-time point leaders list. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Blue Jays Rzepczynski's debut



Blue Jays rookie pitcher Marc Rzepczynski made his major league debut last night against the Tampa Bay Rays. He lasted six innings and struck out seven batters while giving up one run, but the Jays lost 3-1 in 11 innings. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Lance looming at Tour

Armstrong closes to within one second of leader Cancellara

Seven times champion Lance Armstrong missed out on taking the Tour de France leader's yellow jersey by a fraction of a second after his Astana team won the fourth stage time trial yesterday.

Swiss Fabian Cancellara held a 40-second lead over Armstrong going into the stage, and that was the time by which Astana beat the yellow jersey holder's Saxo Bank team, forcing race stewards to check the rule book.

The results of Saturday's opener in Monaco were taken into account, helping Cancellara retain the jersey he had seized in the principality.

"It's Swiss timing," said Cancellara who now has the same overall time as Armstrong.

Astana completed the 39-km course in Montpellier in 46 minutes and 29 seconds, 18 seconds quicker than Garmin with Saxo Bank third.



Astana team riders cycle during the 39 km team time-trial for the fourth stage of the 96th Tour de France cycling race through Montpellier yesterday.

"It makes me miss the beach I was on for four years before all this," said Armstrong, who last wore yellow in Paris in 2005 before retiring for 3½ years.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Canada claimed sole possession of first place in Group A and a berth in the next round of the Gold Cup last night with its 1-0 win over El Salvador. Ali Gerba's goal in the 32nd minute stood as the winner at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio. Canada's final

game of the group stage is Friday against Costa Rica.

SOCCER Ireland goalkeeper Paddy Kenny has been suspended by Sheffield United after he tested positive for a banned drug. Kenny faces a possible ban after a urine sample he provided following

United's League Championship playoff semifinal against Preston in May tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine.

FORMULA ONE Canada's Jacques Villeneuve wants to return to Formula One as part of the expanded series from

2010. The 1997 world champion from Iberville, Que., last raced in F1 in 2006, pulling out after 12 rounds following his exit from BMW Sauber. The 38-year-old has reportedly spoken to unnamed team principals about the possibility of a seat. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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If you're renovating your home, you should invest in the following protective apparel: eyewear, gloves, safety footwear and a hard hat. **HGTV.CA**

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Backyard beauties

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

If you're hoping to put your Home Renovation Tax Credit money to work in your backyard, your deck and fence are a perfect place to start.

A well-built deck instantly spruces up the looks of your backyard, increases your home's value and offers plenty of practical enjoyment for daytime barbecues or evening entertaining.

The Canadian Revenue Agency's website states the tax credit of up to \$1,350 applies to alterations "of an enduring nature and integral to the dwelling" meaning anything that is nailed down (like a deck) or wouldn't get transported away (like a fence) generally should qualify.

Frank Turco, trend and design manager with Home Depot Canada, says for ease of maintenance, composite



Consider using stone or mixed materials for specific parts of your deck, such as the barbecue area.

decking — made of high-tech materials instead of regular pressure-treated lumber — offers great looks and little required upkeep compared to wood, but it does cost a lot more.

Bruce Hutchinson, a sales consultant at Rona Home & Garden in Ottawa, suggests if you want the best of both worlds, use regular, cheaper wood for

the base of the deck and use composite decking for the more visible parts.

For regular wood decks, consider using stone or mixed materials for specific parts of the deck — like the barbecue area — to create a distinctive look.

Hutchinson says decorative railings can also be a striking way to punch up the look of your deck. Con-

sider a sleek black tube railing, metal or even opulent-looking glass railings.

As for the fence, you don't want to skimp on it because it will be a major part of your backyard visuals, Turco says.

"Try to make it as decorative as possible — it's something you're going to have to look at for a very long time," Turco said.

Add value

If your home has only one bathroom and is meant to house more than two people, a bathroom addition should be one of your top priorities. You will increase your property value. **HGTV.CA**



Try to make your fence as decorative as possible, experts suggest.

Go with solar-powered lighting (a four-pack of lights usually runs about \$40) and plant a garden at the fence's base to instantly up the attractiveness factor, and check in with the neighbours before you do

any major fence renovations.

"Nobody wants a neighbour as an enemy so consult with your neighbour. There may even be an opportunity to share the expense," Turco said.

Update garage with a new door, floor

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Your garage is an integral part of your home, so why shouldn't you renovate it to look just as good and be just as practical?

With the new Home Renovation Tax Credit available across Canada this year and offering up to \$1,350 back from the government for renovations up to \$10,000, the time is right for a renovation of

what is likely the largest storage and work space on your property.

If you're going for improved looks in the garage, Bruce Hutchinson, a sales consultant at Rona Home & Garden in Ottawa, says the best place to start is the door because it provides instant visual appeal.

"Probably the most visible thing to do is to replace the garage door — it's what your neighbours will see," Hutchinson said.

Steel doors are most

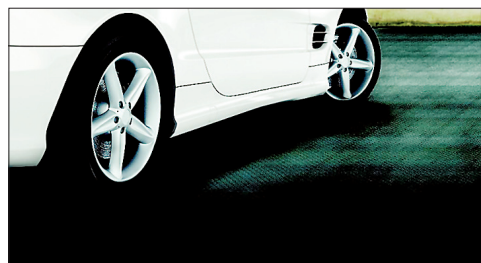
popular these days because they usually have an enamel finish that lasts long and looks great, Hutchinson says.

He recommends you spring for an insulated door if you want to keep your garage cosy and consider replacing your clanging chain garage door opener with a quiet one that uses a belt instead. Wood doors are less popular because they warp easily and tend to require frequent repainting.

Frank Turco, trend and design manager with Home Depot Canada, says a quality floor can also be a simple, impactful way to keep your garage looking clean and well-kept and protect the concrete footing from spills and cracks.

"The floor can make a quick impression on you because it's such a large surface," Turco said.

Popular options include thin, lightweight rubberized flooring mats or roll-on stone pavement for a vi-



A quality floor can be a simple way to update your garage.

sual effect that looks like real stone.

Whatever renovations you do in your garage, don't be afraid to experiment.

"The garage is a good place to practise your renovation skills because it's not perfect — it's a garage after all," Hutchinson says.



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Perk up investment with addition

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When it comes to updating your home, bigger could very well be better.

Building an addition — whether another storey, a back room or a patio — is a great way to maximize your space and perk up your investment.

But be mindful of some important issues before embarking on such a major project, says Jamie Shipley of the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

One of the first things you should do is check with your local building authority to make sure the

addition will meet zoning requirements. For example, "there could be some setback requirements you aren't aware of," Shipley says.

Secondly, beware of unexpected extra costs. "Maybe your heating system isn't big enough to accommodate the extra square footage you're adding — same with your electrical system," says Shipley.

"So what people should really do is an assessment of their existing home and what kind of systems they have. They may find that they have to do some additional work ... to bring the entire property up to code."



Before building an addition to your home, check to make sure it will meet local zoning requirements, experts suggest.

And because you will likely be renegotiating your mortgage, this may be the time to replace those old windows or update the plumbing as well, says Shipley.

"Whenever you're putting an addition to your house, that's also a good time to take a look at some of the other things in your home that you may want to do at the same time."

Hiring a legitimate contractor is paramount when taking on a renovation like

this, says Michael Martin, chair of the Ontario Renovators' Council and president of MJM Luxury Renovations.

He suggests going online to check out the RenoMark program, which is endorsed by the Canadian Home Builders' Association and stipulates, among other things, that your renovator carry a minimum two-year warranty.

"There's a 10-step code of ethics of what the contractor has to follow, and

it's ensuring you a little peace of mind," he says.

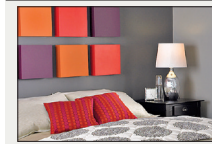
Building an addition qualifies for the new Home Renovation Tax Credit, and you can get up to \$1,350 in tax relief.

But that's not the only way to save money. You may be eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 under the federal government's ecoEnergy Retrofit program if you make your home more energy-efficient.

For example, if you need to install a new furnace to accommodate your addition, you may want to consider switching to an energy-efficient geothermal system, says Herb Lagois of Lagois Drafting and Construction.

"It may cost more upfront, but the long-term (effects) — both energy-saving-wise and in direct cost savings to the consumer — are important," he says.

Headboard tips



Make your bedroom stand out with a unique and interesting headboard by following these tips:

- Create a graphic focal point by painting grid boxes in bright vibrant colours on the wall, aligned above the bed (see photo above).
- Get the illusion of a headboard by painting the wall area over the bed a different colour and lining it with wallpaper trim.
- Create rustic ambience by repurposing vintage doors or window frames and hanging them above the bed.
- Design a custom fabric headboard. Also create matching bed coverings, drapery and other accessories to finish the look.

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Want to know more about the HRTC?

For more on the Home Renovation Tax Credit, log on to

cra-arc.gc.ca/gncy/bdgt/2009/fqhmrvnt-eng.html.

Basement renos growing in popularity

EVA LAM
for Metro Canada

It's a new era for the basement. What was once considered the cold, dark underbelly of the house is being made over into a warm and functional space in a growing number of homes these days.

Recessionary times and fewer vacations mean many families are looking to make their basement a place to unwind, especially for their children, says Frank Turco, colour, trend and design manager at The Home Depot.

"Because there are so many people staying at home, there's definitely a resurgence back to the rec room," he says. "People are investing in making basement spaces more comfortable living spaces ... There's usually a living room, sometimes an entertainment centre combined."

Walkouts leading into the yard are another hot trend in basement design. "People are really looking to embrace the indoors and bring them outside, and also bring the elements of the outdoors in," says Turco.

If you're looking to perk up your basement, start with a well-thought-out design plan, says Jason Labelle of the Ottawa-based renovation company Dalton Corporation.

A top concern is making sure there is enough cold air return. "Basically, your basement is always colder



People are investing in making the basement more comfortable.

than the rest of the house," says Labelle. "People tend to forget about how important it is to have cold air return and to have the furnace circulating the air through continuously."

Other important issues include improving lighting, keeping out moisture and ensuring you have the proper permits, says Labelle.

In addition, look into what expenditures are eligible for the Home Renovation Tax Credit, which was introduced earlier this

year. Upgrading the insulation, installing new carpeting or flooring, painting and cost of labour are among those that qualify.

Remember to keep your receipts. You will be able to claim the credit on your 2009 income tax return.

But while the HRTC is a great incentive, it shouldn't take precedence over good financial planning, says Patricia Lovett-Reid, senior vice-president of TD Waterhouse and host of BNN's MoneyTalk.

"Don't let the tax credit

"Because there are so many people staying home, there's definitely a resurgence back to the rec room."

Frank Turco

drive your decisions — it should enhance your decision," she says. "Sometimes people can go broke saving money."

To that end, be savvy in deciding whether to take the do-it-yourself route when updating your basement. "To the extent that you can renovate on your own, great — but also know when you need to bring in the experts," says Lovett-Reid. "You'll save a lot of money having the job done right the first time."

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McMaster book store the best

Members of the Canadian Booksellers Association have named McMaster University's bookstore, Titles, the best campus bookstore in the country. The store, which serves students, academics and general adult readers from the campus and broader community, reports more than \$24 million in annual sales, and stocks about 40,000 titles. McMaster edged out several nominees, including the Universities of Alberta and Victoria. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going from small to big

T.O.'s Grog's Creature Shop brings passion to puppetmaking

Backstage Pass

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Playing with puppets is serious business for Jason Hopley and Jamie Shannon, co-founders of The Grog's Creature Shop in Toronto.

The two passionate artists have done projects for heavyweights like Disney, Nickelodeon, Teletoon and the CBC and have set their sights on feature films next. Their pre-school series

distinctive characters comes from the humanity they try to infuse into the puppets.

"We try to make things real — we're not going for that saccharine quality. We strive to bring a real humanness to the characters," Hopley said.

Best friends since they attended the Claude Watson School for the Arts in Toronto's Willowdale neighbourhood, Hopley and Shannon embody a fairytale story of two self-taught artists who have found success creating, writing and producing all their own work.

After leaving school, Hop-



Jason Hopley in The Grog's Creature Shop in Toronto.

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Nanalan, which runs on the CBC and PBS networks, won a Gemini Award and their newest series Big & Small is already a fresh hit on Treehouse TV.

Hopley believes the popularity of The Grog's



ley and Shannon spent two years at YTV, starting in 1993, creating dozens of puppet characters and performing live three-minute short bits while building up their skills on the fly.

"We just learned from doing, on live TV. It was the best learning ground," Shannon said.

The whirlwind years at YTV were instrumental in developing Hopley and Shannon's skills since they had no formal training and Hopley is still amazed at the level of responsibility and creativity YTV allowed

Big & Small by The Grog's airs on Mondays on Treehouse TV.

"I wake up every morning and play with toys. If I died tomorrow, I'd pretty much be a happy man."

Jason Hopley

them to have.

"We were just two 19-year-old guys doing improv live-to-air across Canada — I still can't believe it," Hopley said.

Wanting to do their own thing, Hopley and Shannon left YTV to start The Grog's, spending the first few years developing characters, building puppets and trying

to break out professionally.

At the start they had to scrounge cash together for glue, felt and other materials while building puppets in an ex-girlfriend's mom's basement. Hopley admits they even nabbed a throw-away foam mattress or two for spare parts.

"We were broke. A lot," Hopley said.

Nowadays each puppet their studio creates costs no less than \$2000 to produce and budgets for their projects can run in the millions of dollars.

Nurturing each other's artistic vision and being honest with each other are both big parts of why the creative partnership works

and being best friends for almost three decades also helps.

"We're quite frank with each other and we're very different people, so that's what I think makes it work," Shannon said.

Hopley admits living his creative dreams every day makes for a highly satisfying career.

"I wake up every morning and play with toys. If I died tomorrow, I'd pretty much be a happy man," Hopley joked.

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Workology in brief

EXECS UP FOR CHANGE A study conducted by the Association of Executive Research Consultants in New York, has found that 75 per cent of currently employed executives would consider changing jobs if the opportunity arose. According to the international study, in which five per cent of respondents were Canadian, 74 per cent of the 1,518 executives surveyed cited poor company values as the catalyst for this sentiment, while 64 per cent said it also came down to lack of career development in their current job. Just over half of the respondents said they face a significant increase in competition for executive level positions from five years ago.

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smart Canada recently announced that free scheduled maintenance will now be included on every new smart. The coverage runs for three years or 54,000 km, whichever comes first. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Metro Drive



Bag the Benz

A series of handbags made from seatbelts will now be offered through Mercedes-Benz dealerships in Canada, made by Harveys Original Seatbeltbags and featuring the auto brand's logo. Prices for the bags range from \$92.50 to \$179.50. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Hip to be Nissan Cube

LORENE DRURY
for Metro Canada



It's been said many times before that everything old is new again in the automotive world.

Take Nissan's new Cube compact wagon.

Although it's a newcomer to the North American stage for 2009 after making its debut in Japan way back in 1998, the Cube's squared-off design is really not all that new.

Think back to the early days of the automobile and cars that we remember like the Ford Model A and

Model T. Both had that boxy, squared-off look that was common with automobiles of the day.

Fast forward to 2009 and the Nissan Cube enters a marketplace already featuring the Kia Soul and the Honda Element with similar "box on wheels" type designs in a marketplace that for years has been dominated by vehicles with curvy, flowing lines.

Nissan is hoping the Cube resonates with a younger audience thanks to its, well, Cube-like design.

Because of its boxy, unique design, the Cube is both functional and dis-



This third-generation Nissan Cube is now available across Canada.

tinctive in an entry-level segment made up largely of look-alike vehicles.

And to allow customers to further personalize their Cubes, a variety of accessories are being offered right from launch time rather than a few months down the road as usually happens with a new model.

Among the accessories is a funky interior accent illumination package that al-

lows the driver to select from 20 different colours or have the colours cycle automatically. More than 40 other "personalization options" are available including an under-body package featuring spoilers and body cladding.

Already available at dealerships in Canada, the Cube is offered in two trim levels. Both offer the same 122 hp 1.8-litre four-cyl-

der engine, starting at \$16,998 for a six-speed manual and \$18,298 with a continuously variable (CVT) automatic transmission.

The key to the Cube's success, Nissan believes, is that it is affordable, economical and functional, yet at the same time fashionable.

The Cube is a vehicle ideally suited to city driving, with a short turning circle



Cube giveaway

• Nissan Canada recently awarded the Cube to 50 Canadians for the creativity displayed through Hypercube, the nationwide, four-month-long social media campaign. The 50 winners were announced at events simulcast in Toronto (pictured), Montreal and Vancouver. The Hypercube community will continue beyond the event as winners blog about their life with cube for the next year.

(10 m or 32.8 ft), a short hood that makes it easier to park in tight situations and good rear visibility.

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Making a case for the all-Canadian car

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When it comes to building cars, Canada does all right. In terms of worldwide annual production, we rank about ninth

or 10th.

The quality is also there; Canadian plants of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler routinely score higher in quality indices than their American counterparts; Toyota and Honda continue to view Canada as a great place to establish and expand manufacturing facilities.

Consider also that our auto parts industry is arguably the equal of any in the world. Magna continues to assert itself as one of the world's top suppliers. It already builds complete

vehicles for customers in Europe, and is poised to buy GM's European unit of Opel.

In the early days of automobile productions, there were many Canadian car brands — McLaughlin, Russell, Brooks Steam, Redpath, Galt, etc. They obviously all died off, with the famous exception of McLaughlin, which got swallowed by GM.

So here we are with no Canadian car brands so far, and no car that says "Canada" the way Jaguar says England, Cadillac says

America, Volvo says Sweden, Mercedes-Benz says Germany, Maserati says Italy, or Lada says Russia.

I guess we just have to be happy for what we do contribute to the world in terms of automotive production and technology, and not get too hung up about our current "branch plant" status.

I mean somebody's got to do cold weather testing, right? Who is going to make sure batteries crank over at 50 below if not us?

But maybe it's better

that we don't have a brand that totally embodies Canada, because the one I'm picturing at the moment is kind of scary.

The engine was designed and built in central Canada, but it's way too conservative for the racy styling and interior, which came from Quebec.

The cargo area, the responsibility of Western Canada, can't hold anything, because they've gone and installed another engine back there, and it's more powerful than the Central Canada one, which

is no longer connected to anything.

The seats aren't covered because they're the responsibility of the Maritimes. They want to do it in cod skin, but need to wait for the cod stocks to bounce back before getting started.

And just to make sure everyone would know this is a Canadian car, it would have a little Canadian flag sewn on the back fender.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

In recent months, use of travel-related handheld applications by business travellers has skyrocketed. Such applications now include flight status updates, itinerary management and hotel-booking tools. **BTONLINE.COM**

Travel



New life for the Neues Museum

After more than 60 years in ruins, the Neues Museum on Berlin's Museum Island will re-open its doors on Oct. 16. It will house Egyptian, pre- and early history and classical antiquities collections, and feature the bust of Egyptian Queen Nefertiti, left, who was described as "the world's most beautiful woman." The re-opening also marks the first time in over 70 years that all five museums on the island will be open to the public.

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5 Hostels with hipster flair

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Think "hostel" and you picture bohemian backpackers and students on a shoestring budget crammed into dorms, drinking wine out of the bottle and eating cheese sandwiches.

Think again — with trav-

el costs rocketing and budgets dwindling, cheap but hip hostels are becoming increasingly popular. Sure, you might still have to share just about everything from your room to the kitchen, but when you have your own iMac, home-cooked meals and free Kiehl's beauty products it doesn't seem so bad. Here are five of the world's



Above, a dorm room and staircase at Barcelona's Centric Point hostel, where the guest amenities include Wii and satellite television.

hippest hostels, where luxury doesn't come at a price.

Cheap shelter

Mama Shelter, Paris: In Paris' bohemian 20th arrondissement, Mama Shelter is the ugly-duckling-turned-swan of the block. Owned by Serge Trigano of Club Med, with interiors by Philippe Starck, this former multi-storey car park is as trendy and romantic as it is cheap. Walls are adorned with gritty poetry and graffiti whilst staff are armed with grease pencils to write down their thoughts across mirrors and floors.

Rooms have iMacs and electronic screens run a continuous newsfeed in the counter at the communal bar so you can simultaneously surf the net and eat.

Craving a midnight snack? Switch on your night-light (an illuminated Halloween mask) and head to the kitchen pantry stacked with Nutella chocolate spread and bread. Kiehl's beauty products in the bathroom come in handy. Prices per night from about \$150 for single rooms and about \$170 for double rooms; mamashelter.com.

Royal and retro

Living Lounge Hostel, Lisbon: This hostel feels more like a quirky artist's studio in Baixa than a backpackers pad. Touches of baroque influence the decoration, with heavy gilt frames, scarlet walls and a chandelier made from crystal shot

glasses. Seventeen artists helped with the decoration; one dorm by graffiti artist Dirty Cop evokes author Edgar Allan Poe with its eerie mural of black trees.

The dining room hosts intimate gatherings lit by flashing fairy lights, the garden room has trimmed artificial grass and the vintage barber's chair in the lounge is perfect for afternoon snoozes.

Dinner is served every night at 8:30 p.m. sharp and costs about \$20 for a hearty four-course meal. Prices per night from about \$35 for dorms and \$90 for private rooms; livingloungehostel.com.

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Left, the cellar bar at Miss Sophie's, a Prague hostel that looks more like a boutique hotel. Right, Bangkok hostel Imm Eco Chiang Mai.

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Natural Touch

Imm Eco Chiang Mai, Bangkok

Set in a lush tropical garden close to the buzzing Chiang Mai city, Imm Eco focuses on being green and natural. The interiors burst with colour — lime greens and fuchsia against wooden floors and the airy open-plan spaces double as yoga studios. The outdoor swimming pool is perfect for cooling down in. Dorms sleep up to 12 people, great for those on a

shoestring budget, but individual rooms are available. The restaurant, HiHi @Barn, is all thatched wood and dangling light bulbs and serves a simple menu using organic produce from the gardens. Prices per night from about \$12 for dorms and \$48 for private rooms night; immhotel.com.

Bohemian Barcelona

Centric Point, Barcelona: Escape the hubbub of Barcelona's Ramblas high street and go to Passeig de

Gracia where you'll find this funky hostel. This is the ideal starting point from which to explore Barcelona, from the beaches to boulevards.

There's a traveller's desk from which you can book all sorts of activities and a common room with satellite TV, bar, Wii, foosball and music. Internet access and breakfast are included in the price so if you are a frugal traveller, fill up on flaky Spanish pastries and syrupy coffee.

Prices per night from

about \$32 for dorms and \$82 for private rooms; centricpointhostel.com.

19th century loft

Miss Sophie's, Prague: Resembling a swanky New York loft, Miss Sophie's is more boutique hotel than hostel. Housed in an old 19th century building in the heart of Nove Mesto, the interior design is minimal — verging on austere — but the red brick walls add an element of shabby chic. The mellow cellar bar with squashy blood-red

leather sofas is an ideal place to socialize with other guests.

Dorms sleep up to five people making it friendlier and less intimidating than typical ram-packed rooms and the monsoon-style showers make you forget

the downsides of shared bathrooms. The huge lockers situated beneath the beds mean you can keep your worldly possessions safe and sound. Prices per night from about \$29 for dorms and \$82 for private rooms; miss-sophies.com.

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After talking in the spring about possibly moving on from American Idol, Paula Abdul is now optimistic she'll be back for another season of FOX's mega-hit. "I've been invited to stay the duration of the show, however long it lasts," Abdul said. **PEOPLE.COM**

Abdul eyes return to Idol

Entertainment

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Revenge of the nerds

Hollywood loves stories about geeks becoming cool

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

When I Love You, Beth Cooper hits theatres this Friday, it will be the latest movie to turn the loser into lothario.

The story of a nerdy valedictorian winning the affection of the hot girl isn't just a familiar premise; it's also been consistently popular with movie audiences throughout the years.

Whether it's Jerry Lewis' geeky scientist inventing a potion to gain popularity in *The Nutty Professor* or the tale of two dweebs finally getting the girls in *Superbad*, Hollywood has always had an obsession with nerd love.

"The idea of nerds has become cool, even if nerds themselves aren't," recently stated Benjamin Nugent in a L.A. Times article. The author of *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, Nugent has made a career on deliberating dorks.

Although he acknowledges the ambiguous ety-



Denis Cooverman (Paul Rust) and Beth Cooper (Hayden Panettiere) get to know one another over a long, wild and memorable night.

mology of "nerd" stretches back to its appearance in Dr. Seuss' 1950 book, *If I Ran the Zoo*, the recent obsession with adoring dweebs can be traced to more current works.

"If you look at shows like *The O.C.*, the Seth Cohen character (played by

Adam Brody) is a nerd," said Nugent. "But he became a heartthrob, and I think that was really something new."

However, even before dorks became teenage darlings, producers have admired stories that portray the nerd as unlikely seducer. Here's a brief look at the rise of geek love:

THE '80s: From explicit-ly-titled *Revenge of the*

Movie profile

Nerds to the freak favorite *Can't Buy Me Love*, the '80s were inexplicably a fertile decade for producing nerd love stories. Maybe it was because, in hindsight, we all dressed like dweebs in 1985.

JOHN HUGHES: The greatest comedies of John Hughes still influence filmmakers today with their representation of nerds acquiring unlikely affection. Whether it's *Sixteen Candles*, *Pretty in Pink* or the dorky magnum opus *Weird Science*, Hughes knew how to tap into seducing our inner geek heart.

THE DIGITAL AGE: Much of the recent popularity of nerds has been attributed to the computer age's influence on media. With great fortunes amassed by the likes of Microsoft founder Bill Gates comes the inherent suggestion that intelligent geeks are more likely to succeed and thus attract the ladies.

THE MORAL: I should've obviously taken computer class way more seriously in Grade 8.



Anna engaged?

Anna Kournikova has reportedly got engaged. The tennis player — who has been dating Enrique Iglesias on and off for eight years — has been wearing a large diamond ring on her wedding finger. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



Hey Rosetta! is one of 10 acts up for the Polaris Music Prize.

Contenders for Polaris Prize a diverse group

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

The race to crown the best Canadian album of 2008-09 has really begun, with the announcement of the Polaris Music Prize shortlist yesterday.

The top 10 acts, as chosen by 182 journalists from across the country, are a diverse group, with a hardcore group, a rapper, a Francophone band and two roots acts all vying for the \$20,000 prize.

Since the winner won't be announced until Sept. 21, music fans can spend the summer debating who deserves to take home the prize. To help get the conversation started, we've reviewed all of the nominated albums.

The Chemistry Of Common Life, F—ed Up: These belligerent hardcore-meets-indie rockers are masters at the vocal yell, but intricate instrumentation and surprisingly infectious choruses temper the aggressive sound.

Three, Joel Plaskett: Plaskett's been making music since '94, but this ambitious triple disc might be his best yet. At times somber, rambunctious and passionate, these 27 eclectic folk pop songs rarely falter.

Troubadour, K'naan: The Toronto rapper's sophomore disc fluidly combines R&B, reggae and rock, with heartfelt lyrics about his tough upbringing in Somalia. It's wildly catchy and Kirk Hammett's guitar solo is a must hear.

Fantasies, Metric: Fantasies is another haunting collection of forceful rock 'n' roll from these Rolling Stones-approved rockers. Hear Metric's trademark keyboard buzz, crunchy guitars and Emily Haines'

potent pipes.

Labyrinth, Malajube: Don't let language get in the way — *Labyrinth* is chunky compilation of straight-up rock. If anything, the unfamiliarity of the French lyrics make the foursome's third release that much more refreshing.

Soft Airplane, Chad Van Gaalen: Quirky Calgarian Chad VanGaalen has released another masterpiece. While more indie pop than his last release, the record is still a diverse mix of layered lo-fi sounds — banjos and bells included.

Wooden Arms, Patrick Watson: Winning the Polaris Prize in 2007 hasn't stopped this Montrealer from creating another award-worthy release. Its airy, atmospheric sounds and spacious instrumentation will sit well with Radiohead fans.

Into Your Lungs (and around in your heart and on through your blood), Hey Rosetta!: If epic, thickly layered rock is your thing, look no further than this Newfoundland & Labrador six-piece. This debut is loaded with meaty riffs, complex arrangements and voracious vocals.

Mountain Meadows, Elliott Brood: A more rollicking record than the band's previous disc, the Toronto trio's latest is a brilliant collection of folk country tunes. With gorgeous instrumental textures and singer Mark Sasso's raspy drawl, it's no shock they made the shortlist.

Lost Channels, Great Lake Swimmers: On *Lost Channels*, this Toronto group delivers another intimate set of folk pop tunes. It's the band's most cohesive and memorable, especially the richly layered harmonies on the soaring campfire song *Still*.

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Roasting Rivers

Kathy Griffin will serve as Roast Master at Comedy Central's Roast of Joan Rivers, the network announced. The pairing is the first all-female Roast Master and Roastee in the franchise's history. TVGUIDE.COM



From Iran to the top 4

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Maryam Massoumi may not have won Canada's Next Top Model, but she left the show with a new understanding of what it means to be Canadian.

"When I entered this country, I was always fascinated by all the people from different countries. I've never had that," said Massoumi, 18, from North Vancouver, B.C. "It was such a great experience to know 'Canadian' doesn't mean you have to be blond and everything."

Massoumi immigrated to Canada from Iran two years ago and, while on the show, she admits the language barrier separated her from connecting with her competition, but said she was never isolated from them. "It was great to communicate with all the girls because I'm part of them and I'm becoming Canadian."

The remaining four women faced off in a runway challenge on last night's episode, after priming with runway coach and America's Next Top Model judge, Miss. J. Alexander. The hopefuls had to march delicate museum-piece dresses made by Canadian designers down the runway, being careful not to tear them.

Despite warnings about the garments' fragility, Massoumi accidentally tore a section on Lindsay Willier of Edmonton's dress while trying to help the seamstresses fitting her. The tiny tear became a large rip when Willier tripped while climbing stairs to the runway, calling into question both Massoumi and Willier's attention to direction.

However, both women redeemed themselves during the week's photo challenge with judge Mike Ruiz. The contenders were charged with producing a softer photograph for Cov-



Maryam Massoumi left the show with a new understanding of — and appreciation for — what it means to be Canadian.

erGirl; the winner's to be used in an actual national campaign.

While the judges reviewed all of the images with general favour, Willier's was chosen as the best and Massoumi's involvement in the dress-ripping incident ultimately sent her packing, leaving just three women to compete for the Top Model title.

"I wasn't sad that I got kicked off before the top three because I was in the top four and really proud of myself," said Massoumi. But reaching that position didn't come without

its trials. Twice during the competition, Massoumi couldn't participate in the same challenges as the other women because they were held outside Canada and she didn't hold a Canadian passport.

While some of her competitors expressed it wasn't fair for Massoumi to remain in the competition because of the restriction, she maintains her photographs are what kept her there.

"I think it was totally fair because I took great pictures and that's all the competition is about."

Killers video supports anti-exploitation cause

UNICEF Rockers The Killers have joined up with U.N. children's arm UNICEF, U.S. aid agency USAID and MTV to produce a video raising awareness of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The band is lending its song Goodnight, Travel Well, from the album Day & Age, to a video that highlights the human suffering and dangers of trafficking, particularly of young women.

The video will air globally on music channel MTV on July 13, reaching a potential audience of hundreds of millions of people in 168 countries, MTV said. Viewers will be able to

watch it from that date on the MTV EXIT (End Exploitation and Trafficking) website mtvexit.org.

It is the second such collaboration for the awareness campaign after MTV EXIT produced a film for All I Need, by British band Radiohead.

"We are deeply shocked and appalled that women and children are forced into such exploitative situations," The Killers said in a statement.

"We hope that through MTV's efforts and this powerful video that millions of people across the world learn about this tragic form of modern-day slavery."

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Canada's Next Top Model airs Tuesday nights on CTV

Leno's new guests will be ... cars?

TALK SHOW When Jay Leno's new 10 p.m. show goes on air in September, some of his vintage cars will be making guest appearances. The host intends to drive his prized possessions onstage some nights. Workers are busy customizing the soundstage for the new show to accommodate.

Garrett joins new animated series

LENDING HIS VOICE Brad Garrett is getting animated. Garrett, star of the Fox comedy series 'Til Death, is developing Dumb Bunny and Jackass, a half-hour animated comedy series, for Sony Pictures TV, the studio behind Death. The R-rated project is targeted for cable.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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critics'corner

Karl May and The Wild West Sergio Leone made spaghetti Westerns ... so should we call Karl May's stories "sauerkraut Westerns"? May's tales of the American West remain hugely popular in his homeland, and this new special visits with the May devotees who immerse themselves in his version of the West at theme parks and festivals. You'll also meet American Indians and native Canadians who work such events despite finding them both distasteful and historically inaccurate. 8 PM on 70 APTN



Criminal Minds

The members of the Behavioral Analysis Unit investigate a series of deaths with eerie religious overtones, but none of them is more unsettled than Prentiss (Paget Brewster), who has a personal connection to one of the victims. Walton Goggins ("The Shield"), Bruce Davison and Roxanne Hart ("Chicago Hope") guest star in "Demomology." 9 PM on 13 CBS



Daniel Radcliffe is taking ballet lessons. The 19-year-old actor is so worried he won't be able to find a job after the Harry Potter films he has decided to don tights and slippers in a bid to make him more employable, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Katie launches dance fund

HOT STEPPER Katie Holmes has teamed up with Hair-spray director Adam Shankman and reality TV guru Nigel Lythgoe to launch a dance scholarship fund, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hollywood actress, who is set to appear on Lythgoe's U.S. show *So You Think You Can Dance* later this month, has joined forces with the pair and Dancing With the Stars judge Carrie Ann Inaba to set up the Dizzy Feet Foundation.

The scholarship organization gives underprivileged youngsters the opportunity to take part in dance programs and win grants to enrol in accredited dance studios, reports Daily Variety.

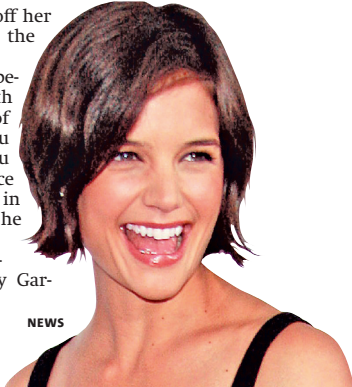
Holmes says, "I think it's important for children to experience music and dance."

"Every child should have the opportunity to discover what it is they like and have access to the very best in that pursuit."

The *Batman Begins* star

will show off her moves on the dancefloor during a special 100th episode of *So You Think You Can Dance* on July 23, in which she will perform a tribute to Judy Garland.

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College comeback?

SHOWBIZ VS. SCHOOL Anna Paquin plans to return to school one day — because she regrets not graduating from college, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

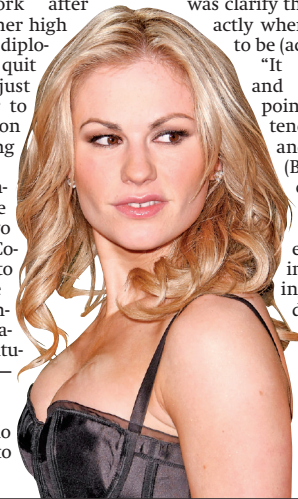
The star, 26, enrolled at Columbia University in New York after earning her high school diploma, but quit after just one year to focus on her acting career. Paquin insists she will go back to Columbia to complete her higher education eventually — even though she has no plans to leave

showbusiness.

She tells AOL Television, "I did a year (of college) right after high school, because I was curious to see if there was anything else that made me as passionate ... and all it really did was clarify that I was exactly where I wanted to be (acting)."

"It was great, and at some point I do intend to go back and finish. (But) this is definitely my arena of jobs — either writing or directing and producing."

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Lohan sued over her new tanning spray

LAWSUIT Looks like Lindsay Lohan is in trouble again, only this time it's in the courtroom.

Lohan is being sued by St. Petersburg, Fla., chemist Jennifer Sunday, who claims the actress and her partner on the project, Lorit Simon, stole the formula for Lohan's new Sevin Nyne self-tanning spray, according to the St.

Petersburg Times.

"We are certainly looking for the profits that are being generated right now from that product," attorney Marcia Cohen tells the newspaper.

"If Ms. Lohan and Ms. Si-

mon and their companies and their shareholders are profiting from the theft of my client's formula and are profiting from that product, my client is entitled to those proceeds."

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Beckham, Jolie to hook up in ads

NAUGHTY PHOTOS Angelina Jolie recently signed up with Armani, and now plans are reportedly in the works to team her up with the fashion line's other celebrity face, David Beckham, for a steamy ad campaign. "When you have David Beckham and Angelina Jolie signed up to your fashion house

it's a no-brainer to link them up," a source tells

WAday.com.

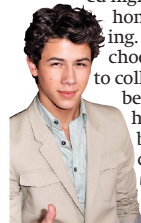
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Youngest Jonas headed to college?

SCHOOLIN' IN THE REAL WORLD Youngest Jonas Brother Nick Jonas was spotted touring Northwestern University in Illinois this week, student sources tell *Slash Gossip*. The 16-year-old recently completed high school via home-schooling. If he chooses to go to college, he'll be the first of his famous brothers to do so.

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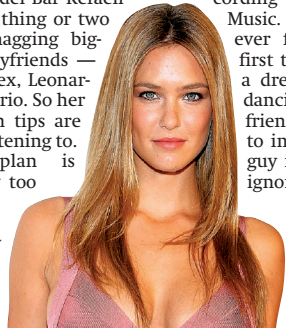
Ignore the guys you want

WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT to me," Refaeli says, according to Contact Music. "The sexiest I ever felt was the first time I put on a dress and went dancing with my friends. The way to impress a cute guy in a bar is to ignore him."

"My plan is don't try too hard. When girls try to be sexy it's not sexy

to me," Refaeli says, according to Contact Music. "The sexiest I ever felt was the first time I put on a dress and went dancing with my friends. The way to impress a cute guy in a bar is to ignore him."

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Stewart buys pregnancy test?

RUMOURS Twilight star Kristen Stewart is allegedly worried she might be pregnant — and that the father is co-star Robert Pattinson, according to Australia's *New Weekly* magazine. "She asked one of her friends to buy the test because

she was worried about someone seeing her at the drug store," a source tells the magazine. "She's very nervous about the whole situation. And because of the timing, she thinks Rob could be the father."

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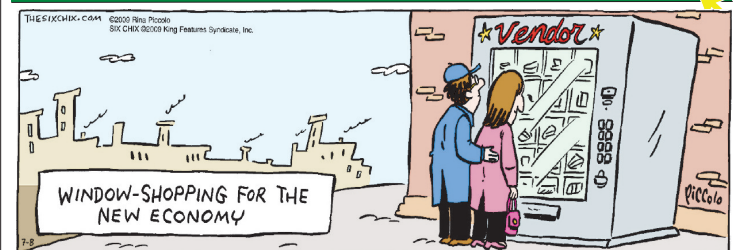
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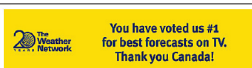
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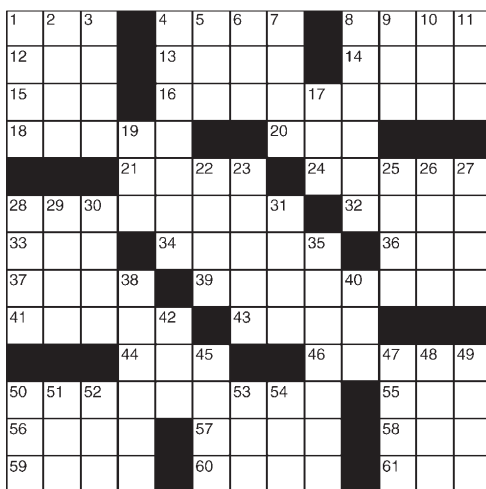
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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Make up your mind
- 4 Syndicate boss
- 8 Applaud
- 12 Neither mate
- 13 On in years
- 14 "Clue" weapon
- 15 Work with
- 16 Excellent
- 18 Bundle of wheat
- 20 Long lunch?
- 21 Brat's stocking stuffer
- 24 Receded
- 28 Uneaten
- 32 Thy
- 33 Puncturing tool
- 34 Painter of ballerinas
- 36 Raw rock
- 37 Movie holder, once
- 39 PDQ
- 41 Abject terror
- 43 Rend
- 44 Shell game item
- 46 Old Christmas gift?
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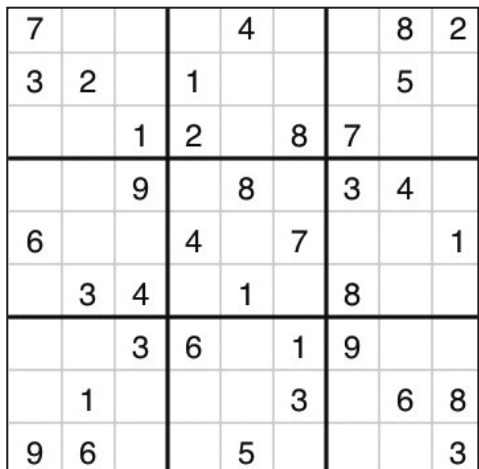
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- 5 Past
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- 9 Despondent
- 10 Gorilla
- 11 Apiece
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- 19 Put on a show
- 22 State with conviction
- 23 On the up-and-up
- 25 Benefit
- 26 Modern money
- 27 Game show host Carey
- 28 Fat
- 29 Basin accessory
- 30 Take off
- 31 Anger
- 35 Hair cleaner
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- 40 Give it a go
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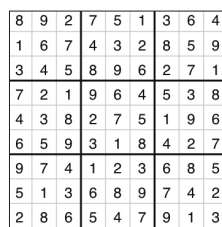
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

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Beef Balti

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) canola oil
 - 1 medium onion
 - 1 lb (500g) steak
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 1/2 in. (4 cm) piece fresh root ginger
 - 1 small, fresh red chilli pepper
 - 1 green pepper
 - 1 red pepper
 - 3 medium tomatoes
 - 1/2 lemon
 - 1 tbsp (15 mL) garam masala
 - 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cumin
 - Salt
- GARNISH**
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) dried coconut, flaked or shredded
- TO SERVE**
- 4 nan breads

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to low setting to keep beef warm later. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil in large balti pan, wok, or frying pan. Peel and thinly slice onion; fry over fairly high heat 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft and lightly browned.
2. Meanwhile, trim excess fat from beef, then slice into very thin strips. Peel and crush garlic, then peel and grate ginger, and rinse, deseed, and chop chilli pepper. Add all to onion and cook over fairly high heat 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is lightly coloured. Remove from heat and keep warm in oven.
3. Rinse, deseed, and thinly slice peppers. Add to pan, with remaining oil, if necessary, and continue frying for 3 minutes, stir-



ring occasionally, until softened and lightly browned.

4. Meanwhile, rinse and roughly chop tomatoes, then squeeze juice from lemon and preheat broiler.

5. Stir garam masala and cumin into frying pan and cook, stirring continuously, 1 minute. Add tomatoes, lemon juice, and some salt and simmer, stirring, 3-4 minutes. If mixture becomes dry, add little water.

6. Sprinkle nan breads with water and broil about 1 minute per side. Return beef to pan and heat through. Sprinkle with coconut and serve with nan bread.

SERVES 4



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This may be an emotional time for you but it's not nearly the end of the world, so keep that smile on your face; better days are just around the corner.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will achieve more in the long-term if you get out and about now and meet as many new and interesting people as you can.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Career matters are under excellent stars at the moment, so aim high, believe you have what it takes to succeed.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
The Sun in one of the best areas of the heavens means you have only to ask for something for it to miraculously appear in your life.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do you have a clear purpose? Do you know what it is you want out of life? If you can answer those questions in the affirmative then success is close.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
You enjoy a bit of pressure and that's good because you will be expected to deliver something that is well above average today.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
There's no holding you back. The Sun in your birth sign endows you with enough energy and enthusiasm to reach your goals.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Upheavals of one sort or another appear to have become a feature of your existence in recent weeks but you really have nothing to worry about.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
There are no shortcuts to success – not that you were planning on taking any. Whatever you are working on you must give it your full attention.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
If you push yourself just a little bit harder than usual, and if you aim just a little bit higher, you will accomplish something truly memorable today.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
Anyone who thinks you are not the sort who will rock the boat is in for a shock. You will do something today that turns heads.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your confidence has rarely been higher, to the extent that you honestly believe all things are possible – and they are.



This day in history

- JULY 8, 1099: First Crusade: 15,000 starving Christian soldiers march in religious procession around Jerusalem as its Muslim defenders look on.
- JULY 8, 1822: Chippewa turn over huge tract of land in Ontario to the United Kingdom.
- JULY 8, 1889: The first issue of the Wall Street Journal is published.
- JULY 8, 1892: St. John's, Newfoundland is devastated in the Great Fire of 1892.
- JULY 8, 1932: The Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches its lowest level of the Great Depression, bottoming out at 41.22.

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- BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
- Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.
1. Not come through for actor Christian (1)
 2. Construction lifter window glass (1)
 3. "Ghostbusters" goo Wordy Gurdy (1)
 4. Grizzly's dens (1)
 5. Less-tense golf great Arnold (2)
 6. Purse inside a flood-barrier sack (2)
 7. Mr. Hyde alter ego's skin spots (2)
- ANSWERS: 1. CALMER PALMER 2. SANDYBAG HANDYBAG 3. SIMEE RHYME 4. BEARS FAIRS 5. CALMER PALMER 6. SANDYBAG HANDYBAG 7. BEARS FAIRS

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